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Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 222
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RE: Implementation of the Payphone Reclassification and Compensation
Provision of the Telecommunications Act of 1996
BellSouth Comparably Efficient Interconnection Plan for Payphone
Service Providers **Ex Parte**

Dear Mr. Caton:

This is to inform you that on March 20, David Cockcroft and Ben Almond both of BellSouth Corporation met with Radhika V. Karmarkar, Michael Pryor, Christopher Heimann and Craig Brown, all of the Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau. The purpose of the meeting was to address specific issues raised in comments and ex parte filings associated with the above referenced proceeding.

The meeting opened with questions from the staff pertaining to tariff related issues in connection with payphone unbundled features. The answers to these questions are contained in the notification document for the above referenced proceeding filed on March 20, 1997 by the undersigned.

The next issue pertained to issues raised by the Inmate Calling Service Providers Coalition in their ex parte filing dated March 19, 1997. BellSouth's position is outlined and provided as an attachment.

Another issue concerned feature elements associated with tariff offerings for SmartLine and PTAS line services. A list of these elements are provided as an attachment. These elements enable the provider to configure his/her line service with the desired functionalities.

Finally, the issue of network disclosure for central office coin transmission service was raised. A copy of the required network disclosure is provided as an attachment.

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This meeting began at 4:30 P.M. on March 20, 1997. Due to the late conclusion of the meeting, this notification is being filed on March 21, 1997.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben G. Almond". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ben" and last name "Almond" clearly legible.

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Attachment

cc: Radhika V. Karmarkar
Michael Pryor
Christopher Heimann
Craig Brown

BellSouth's Provisioning of Inmate Calling Service (ICS)

After April 1, 1997, BellSouth Public Communications, Inc. (BSPC) will provide Inmate Calling Service (ICS) as follows:

BSPC will purchase the same network elements that are available to any other Payphone Service Provider (RPSP) from BellSouth's General Subscriber Services Tariff (GSST).

Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) located at the location provider's premises will be used to perform Operator functions, call control, validation, call rating and recording.

Billing and Collections functions will be performed through an industry clearinghouse; not the LEC BSPC will be at risk for fraud and uncollectibles as any other independent inmate service provider.

**LIST OF FEATURES AND SERVICES
FOR SMARTLINE AND PTAS LINE**

**Network Elements
BellSouth SmartLine* Service**

Elements

Loop

Port

- Port

- Coin Signaling

Selective Routing/Call Blocking

Billed Number Screening

NPA/NXX Updates

Touch Tone

Outward Only Service

**Network Elements
BellSouth IPP Access Lines**

Elements

Loop

Port

Selective Routing/Call Blocking

Billed Number Screening

Touch Tone

Outward Only Service

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Re: *Report and Order*, CC Docket No. 96-128

Dear Ms. Matise:

In the *Report and Order* in the above referenced proceeding, *Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, CC Docket No. 96-128, FCC 96-388 (rel. Sept. 20, 1996) ("*Report and Order*"), *errata*, DA 96-1623 (rel. Sept. 27, 1996), *further errata*, DA 96-1666 (rel. Oct. 8, 1996), *on reconsideration*, FCC 96-439 (rel. Nov. 8, 1996), the Commission deregulated all carrier-provided payphone equipment and required local exchange carriers, among other things, to offer a central office coin transmission service to payphone service providers "so [that] competitive payphone providers can offer payphone services using either instrument-implemented 'smart payphones' or 'dumb' payphones that utilize central office coin services." *Report and Order* at para. 146.

Noting that it had already amended its Part 68 rules on prior occasion to accommodate the registration of "instrument- implemented" payphone, the Commission adopted further amendments to facilitate the registration of central-office-implemented "dumb" payphones. *Report and Order* at para. 150. Further, the Commission "grandfather[ed] existing LEC payphones from the our [sic] revised Part 68 requirements," *id.*, but directed incumbent LECs "to submit proposed interconnection requirements to effectuate such interconnection." *Id.*

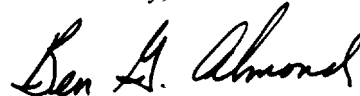
As BellSouth indicated in its CEI Plan for Payphone Service Providers (filed November 22, 1996), BellSouth began offering a central office coin transmission service, known as SmartLine service, as early as 1993. Prior to that offering, BellSouth published its network disclosure notice for that service, a copy of which is attached. BellSouth's disclosure notice cited

the specific portions of Bellcore Technical Reference TR-TSY-000456 that contain the electrical characteristics of BellSouth's service offering and indicated minor differences from that reference document peculiar to BellSouth's offering. The disclosure notice also indicated that customer provided payphone equipment could interconnect with BellSouth's SmartLine service via a standard RJ11C jack, but would require a connection to ground external to the network interface to be provided by the customer. BellSouth has been allowing the interconnection of equipment conforming to these criteria with its SmartLine service since it began offering the service.

The criteria referenced in BellSouth's disclosure notice for interconnection of customer provided, central-office-implemented coin payphones are consistent with existing Part 68 registration requirements. In light of this circumstance, coupled with the Commission's grandfathering of existing LEC payphones, BellSouth does not have any further proposal for interconnection requirements to effectuate such interconnection at this time. Of course, should a potential for harm to the network peculiar to such payphones subsequently be identified, BellSouth will work with industry standards organizations and with the Commission to recommend Part 68 modifications as necessary.

Please include this submission with the record of the above referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ben L. Almond".

Attachment

cc: Mary Beth Richards
Linda Dubroof
William Von Alven
Ann H. Stevens
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BELLSOUTH ANNOUNCES COIN CONTROL LINE SERVICE

BellSouth is planning to offer a network-implemented coin line service. This service will provide features similar to those provided to public telephones owned by BellSouth, including call rating and coin disposition signaling.

Electrical Characteristics of the Network Interface (NI) to this service may be found in the following sections of Bellcore Technical Reference, TR-TSY-000456 *Public Terminals Generic Requirements*:

Section 4.1,
Sections 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4,
Section 4.9, and
Section 5.1.

When the above-mentioned document is used for purposes of describing the interface to BellSouth, references to 2000 Ohms in sections 5.1.2.1 and 5.1.3 should be replaced with 1300 Ohms.

CPE shall interconnect via an RJ11C jack at the NI. It should be noted that, in addition to the two conductors provided through the jack, this service requires a connection to ground. The connection to ground shall be provided, external to the NI, by the customer.

CPE for this type of service is currently being considered for inclusion in the FCC registration program. Depending on the results of that proceeding, interconnected equipment may be subject to requirements beyond those found in the Technical Reference mentioned above.

To order a copy of Technical Reference TR-TSY-000456, please contact:

Bellcore Customer Service
60 New England Avenue
Piscataway, NJ 08854-4196
1-800-521-2673 (within the USA)
908-699-5800 (outside the USA)

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